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Dear Miss Runson,

I've been forwarding what you send me on the pictures to Dick Sprague.

Thanks much for the Scott column. I'd not heard of it. As you can imagine, what it relates to is nothing like what it reports and it is, quite obviously, a leak of an official nature. Shows they are desperate.

I have never been a "reluctant witness" before any Congressional committee, have never been a witness before the Senate Internal Security Committee, and when I was a witness before HUAC, they never dared print my testimony. Also, I never leaked any confidential information.

HUAC had a former Silver Shirter on their payroll. I did get a document from him, along with many others, that he had forged while on their payroll. I was innocent in their entrapment. The whole thing went before a grand jury which refused to indict me and did indict him. When the case came to trial he copped a plea and with the intercession of Martin Dies got only two years, as I recall.

This also smoked Pelley out, as you may recall.

The truth is that the entire mass of documents I got were wanted by the FBI, to whom I gave them. They kept part and returned the rest, which I still have.

Whether or not it is actionable I will eventually find out. It is too inconsequential to worry about now. However, it is interesting to know who is working behind the scenes and how. So, if you see anything more like this, please let me know immediately. Don't think I've ever heard of Scott. Probably one of the under-rock boys so dear to the radical right in and out of Congress.

They dare not do anything but leak slanders, and I do not think they will. It would boomerang. The last thing anyone, even these nuts, wants, is any public airing of any fact of the assassination.

But again, thanks.

Sincerely,